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SUBJECT: MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETING

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1. UNSYG SPECREP DE CUELLAR HAS INFORMED ME THAT MAKARIOS-DENKTASH MEETING HAS NOW BEEN AGREED FOR 11 A.M. LOCAL, JANUARY 27, AT UN HEADQUARTERS IN NICOSIA. IN AGREEING TO FINAL ARRANGEMENTS, MAKARIOS HAS CONTINUED TO STRESS ESSENTIALITY OF SECRECY. HE HAS AGAIN STATED HIS INTENTION NOT TO INFORM HIS ENTOURAGE UNTIL THE DAY OF THE MEETING.

2. COMMENT: WHILE KNOWLEDGE OF FORTHCOMING MEETING IS BEING CLOSELY HELD WITHIN GOC, MAKARIOS HAS INFORMED FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES AND A FEW OTHERS. CHRISTOPHIDES DISCUSSED THE MEETING WITH ME AT SOME LENGTH JANUARY 20. AS DE CUELLAR AND TURKISH AMBASSADOR ONHON HAD DONE EARLIER (REFTELS), CHRISTOPHIDES SPOKE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ENSURING THAT THE FIRST MEETING PREPARE THE GROUND FOR OTHERS. AT THIS STAGE, HOWEVER, I DO NOT GET THE FEELING THAT THE ARCHBISHOP HAS YET FORMULATED A CLEAR PLAN
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OF APPROACH TO DISCUSSION. HE AND DENKTASH WILL BE AN ODD MATCH. MAKARIOS TENDS TO THE OLYMPIAN AND THE THEOLOGICAL. DENKTASH HAS A COURTROOM LAWYER'S SKILLS OF RAPID THRUST AND PARRY.

3. MAKARIOS HAS CHANGED HIS MIND ON ONE POINT. HE HAS ASKED THAT DE CUELLAR, WHO WILL BE THE ONLY OTHER PERSON PRESENT,

PREPARE A SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE
PARTICIPANTS FOR APPROVAL. DE CUELLAR IS RELUCTANT TO DO
THIS WITHOUT A FULL TAPED RECORD.
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